

Duvall Library Board Meeting 6/25/07

Paige called the meeting to order at 1814. Don read minutes from May '07 meeting at 1823. Paige moved to accept minutes. Denny observed that the meeting date was wrong. The date was corrected to May 21st and the minutes were approved as corrected.

Old Business

Paige gave us a status update on the new library. Washington Holdings (WH) has sent a seven page letter to the City, KCLS, and the Library Board. WH wants to make their idea (for a library in their project, near the proposed intersection of Third and Big Rock Road) official. WH is trying to entice the City into expediting their zoning change process so the project (WH's whole project; not just the library) can move forward. Paige expressed a view that the main hang-up is the time for the City to make the process happen. The Library Board can help to keep communication links open so as to minimize confusion.

Don asked about the FAR requirements in the letter from WH. Carol Ladwig said that "FAR" means "Floor/Area Ratio," which sounds like a ratio derived from the building floor area divided by the lot area.

KCLS (Denise Sayers) sent Paige an e-mail saying that they (KCLS) are "excited by the possibilities" of the WH site and that "Duvall is a true example of what our partnership with a city can be". Denise's e-mail also thanked the Duvall Library Board for their "support and assistance." KCLS is moving toward "formalizing" the deal for the new property.

Paige read our support letter. It sounded great. Don said that Bill Ptacek is concerned about the proximity of the new KCLS library to the new school library, but he doesn't think that will be a problem. Karen recommended that we add in words to the effect that the community expects and still wants the library that they voted for. Denny doesn't want the sense of community to be lost in a newer, bigger library. He said that the library we are in now was hand-built (shakes split, etc.) by citizens of the Valley. Joe Lee asked Denny what he thinks of the new location. Denny said that he believes the Big Rock site to be WAY better than the Copper Hill site.

There was discussion on how citizen input can affect a library during the design phase. People had concerns over the steepness of the roof at the Carnation site. KCLS changed it. The building was moved back to allow for a "porch expression" for a more "rural feel." The entrance was put on the side of the building. All due to citizen comment. The interior, however, was more "cookie cutter." Don thinks that having teen and quiet areas right next to each other might not be so good. Karen said that had been changed at that site due to citizen input.

Paige brought us back to the letter. Karen said that we should make our message a little more emphatic; we should be saying, "Make It So." Don moved that we send the letter. Seconded by Karen. Carried.

We discussed that we need to promote public comment. There will be an excellent opportunity for that leading up to and during the July 24 community meeting about the new library. The architects will be there, WH, KCLS, and the City will be there.

Joe Lee would like some landscaping at the new library site.

Everything is contingent on the City of Duvall not taking forever to issue the permits.

Joe Lee wondered if the existing Copper Hill site could be a problem, but general consensus was that it wouldn't be a hang-up, because the new site has no land cost.

Paige is hoping that the trustees vote to make it happen now (at their June 26, 2007 meeting). Karen said that we should ask the trustees to vote in favor of the new location now. We should amp up our letter to let the trustees that we think this is a really great deal (or at least way better than the Copper Hill debacle). Paige remembered how the trustees did not comment on our previous request.

Don said that KCLS needs to make up their minds fast, so we'll have something to meet about on July 24th.

Paige observed that our next meeting is July 23rd, so we can get suitably revved up for the public meeting.

Duvall Library wants and needs?

Pam did not have any. We complemented Pam on the KCLS Newsletter, Insights.

More general discussion

Karen is concerned that we need something to send out or hand out to get people to come to the public meeting. Pam said that she would cook up a PDF promo for public distribution.

Don is concerned that the Big Rock site would end up like Snoqualmie Ridge. We decided that the citizens of Duvall would not allow anything so totally plastic in the Snoqualmie Valley .

Civic Club/Friend of the Library

Joe Lee said the CC/FotL made a lot of money at the plant sale, and they are donating it to good causes, such as the Senior Center , Teen Summerstage, and the school lunch program. They gave away 300 children's books. They handed out about a million bookmarks.

Future business

The KCLS Board of Trustees meets on Tuesday June 26, 2007, starting at 5 p.m. Paige will be there to speak to the Library Board's support for the new site and answer questions as they come up.

Adjournment

Denny moved to Adjourn. Don seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1945.

Next Meeting

Monday, July 23rd at the Rose Room. 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Alan Butler